2006 Governor's Technology Awards – Proposed Categories

Increased Accessibility to Government
- Describe the innovative use of technology to improve citizen access to and service from governmental entities of any type. Category includes strategies to improve electronic interaction with and to government; promote availability, usability and/or transparency of information; and increase public awareness of available services.

Collaboration and Partnerships
- Describe the innovative use of technology to promote shared efficiencies and maximize resources. Category includes strategies to share data easily across boundaries; create knowledge-sharing cultures; promote IT solutions that support common business processes; and promote innovate partnership programs.

Creation of the Trusted Environment
- Describe the innovative use of technology to ensure consistent, anywhere, anytime service levels; include initiatives to protect assets, credentials and privacy as well as to promote awareness and understanding of the responsibilities of providers and users.

Workforce Productivity
- Describe the innovative use of technology to increase workforce productivity, including strategies such as telework, a mobile workforce, and/or knowledge and skill development.

Innovative Use of Technology in Local Government
- Describe the innovative use of technology to solve a business problem at the smaller locality level, where both budgets and staff are often small but the citizen or business needs are significant. Open to any local government entity, including education, social services, and first responders as well as county, city and town governments.

Innovative Use of Technology in Higher Education
- Describe the innovative use of technology to support the unique missions of Virginia's colleges and universities. Cooperative projects between institutions and other governmental entities also fall into this category.